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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are cancelled herein and replaced with new claims 13-39. However, applicants reserve the right to patent coverage on the patentable subject matter in the cancelled claims by filing a continuation or continuation in part application when appropriate.


The applicants respectfully submit that the amendments of the claims are supported by the specification. (See Tables 5-7, and lines 13-27 of page 12.)

EP' 362 does not teach, disclose or otherwise suggest how extractive agents are going to affect the relative volatility of HFC-32 with regard to CFC-12, HFC-143a and CFC-115. Nor do the remaining references cited in the application teach, disclose or otherwise suggest this subject matter. Thus the present claims are in allowable condition.

Besides, it is unexpected whether HFC-32 would become more or less volatile relative to CFC-12, HFC-143a and CFC-115 respectively in the presence of an extractive agent. Thus, applicants respectfully suggest that the present claims have been placed in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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